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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PORG, TO, OAU
SUBJECT: OAU SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP DEVELOPMENTS: TOGO

1. FOREIGN MINISTER EDEM KODJO INFORMED ME AT DINNER JUNE 26 THAT PRESIDENT EYADEMA HAS DECIDED TO PERMIT HIM TO BE A CANDIDATE TO REPLACE ETEKI AS OAU SECRETARY GENERAL. KODJO WAS ELATED AND SAID HIS PROSPECTS FOR WINNING THE POST APPEARED GOOD. HE BELIEVES HE HAS CONSIDERABLE MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE SUPPORT. HE CLAIMS NIGERIA WILL SUPPORT HIM.

2. KODJO SAYS PRESIDENT EYADEMA HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT THE TACTIC OF SEEKING THE SECRETARY GENERAL POST FOR TOGO AS A PART OF HIS LONGER-TERM STRATEGY OF SEEKING TO HAVE THE OAU HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO LOME. THE LATTER CAMPAIGN WILL BE DOWNPLAYED FOR THE TIME BEING.

3. KODJO BELIEVES HIS PRINCIPAL ANGLOPHONE RIVAL IS TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN SALIM.

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4. COMMENT: KODJO IS A SUAVE AND BRILLIANTPRODUCT OF FRANCE'S PRESTIGIOUS ECOLE NORMAL D'ADMINSTRATION. HE HAS BEEN A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF EYADEMA'S FOREIGN POLICY. JODJO IS COOL-HEADED, PRAGMATIC, AMBITIOUS AND TOUGH. HE HAS A RUTHLESS STREAK. HE SEES GREAT PERSONAL POTENTIAL IN GUIDING THE OAU TOWARD MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION IN SUCH QUESTIONS AS SOUTHERN AFRICA AND GREAT POWER INTER-

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VENTION IN AFRICA. IN THE LONGER TERM, HIS AMBITION IS
TO BECOME UN SECRETARY GENERAL.
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